

BAL DE L'OPERA IN PARIS IS A SUCCESS

Rain Spoils Mi-Careme Festival, but Evening Event Is Full of Splendor.

SOCIETY THERE IN FORCE

Many Americans Gather to See What an Empire Fete Is Like.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, March 20.—The rain yesterday, which ruined the Mi-Careme festival, forced the unlucky queen of queens to drive in the procession in a closed carriage instead of a magnificent car, which compelled the luckless vendors to offer confetti at four instead of the regulation ten sous a package without any buyers and which turned the same confetti into particularly offensive mud, had no effect on the revival last night of the famous bal de l'opera, which were so notable under the Empire.

The ball proved to be a magnificent success and a true revival of the old time fete, for, as under the Empire, a crowd filled the floor, while the society people gazed on from the boxes. Dancing was impossible by midnight, as the crowd was too dense on the floor. The much boomed bridge, which was supposed to be similar to the one in "Sumurun," proved to be a very small affair, which was merely useful for entering the main floor. There were costumes of every kind, but none of them would have shocked Anthony Comstock.

The gaiety was not particularly noticeable until 3 o'clock this morning, when there were signs of things becoming more lively. It was notable that the crowd consisted mostly of foreigners who had gone presumably to see a French masked ball. Nevertheless the Opera was crowded everywhere, the foyers and corridors as well as the interior.

It was impossible for any one except holders to find a seat except before a table, where champagne was the only beverage allowed.

The art of extracting contributions for charity, for which the ball was theoretically given, was brought to a high point of perfection. Men in ordinary evening dress were only allowed to enter if they brought a bunch of red or yellow ribbons for 5 francs, which were worth intrinsically about ten cents. A useless programme could be bought for anything from 10 francs up.

A persistent investigator who discovered a small bar where drinks other than champagne were served found that all drinks sold for two francs (40 cents). Nevertheless the sight from the stage toward the crowded, brilliant house repaid one for attending.

One of the most conspicuous persons present was Leo Claretie, the author, who was the former husband of Mme. Caillaux, now in prison for assassinating the editor of the Figaro.

All the members of society appeared in costumes representing flowers, birds and vegetables. Every dancing troupe in Paris was present, and the dressmakers of Paris have been busy for weeks in preparing costumes. A bunch of daffodils and art students were seen as tomatoes and their medical conferees as lemons. Carrots, pumpkins and other vegetables were also represented.

HAD \$10,000 BILL IN COAT.

One of Notes Stolen on Way to New York Bank Recovered.

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HAVANA, March 19.—The secret police today found a \$10,000 United States bill sewed in the coat of Antonio Ayala, the bank messenger who was convicted of stealing a registered letter which reached the National Park Bank of New York with a sugar report instead of the \$200,000 sent by the National Bank of Cuba. This was in October, 1912.

This accounts for six of the twenty \$10,000 bills which were stolen from the letter at that time. The police have been searching for the money ever since and are confident that they will soon find the rest of it.

LABORITES WIN IN AFRICA.

Deposition of Leaders in Recent Strike Seems to Be Condemned.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, March 19.—The Laborites won a sweeping victory in the elections throughout the Transvaal to-day for members of the provincial council.

The hand was among the districts where the Laborites were very successful. This seems to indicate a condemnation of the Government for the deportations of leaders of the recent strike and is likely to have an important influence throughout the Union of South Africa. It is asserted that it shows among other things that the Boers have lost control of the Transvaal.

AMERICANS VISIT JAMAICA.

Jacob H. Schiff Goes to Colon After Seeing Kingston.

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KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 19.—The steamship Victoria Louise arrived here today with a party of American tourists. Jacob H. Schiff, the New York banker and philanthropist, has gone to Colon after a week's stay here.

PROF. MERCALLI MEETS DEATH.

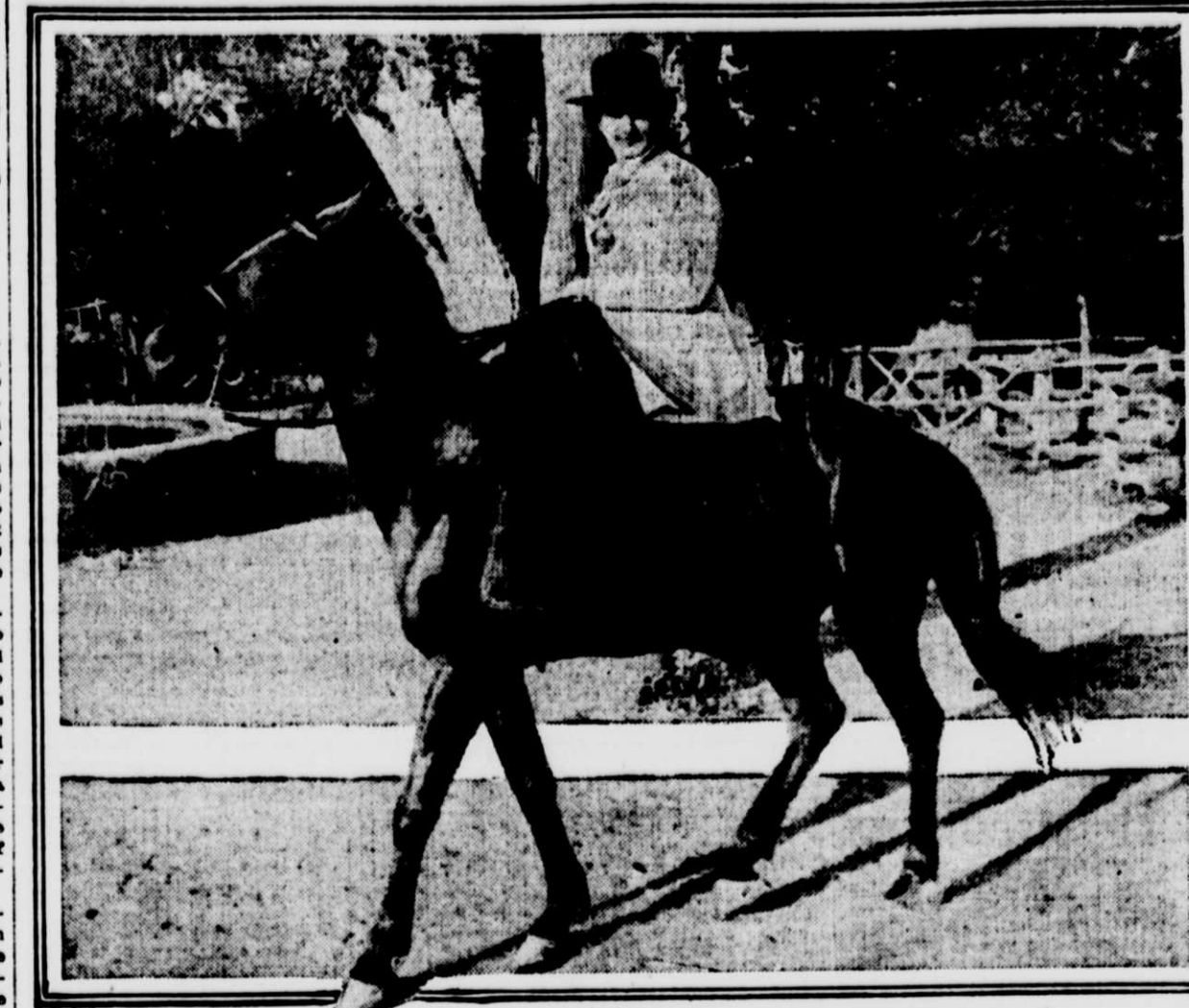
Director of Mt. Vesuvius Observatory Incarcerated in His Room.

NAPLES, March 19.—Prof. Giuseppe Mercalli, director of the Mount Vesuvius observatory, was found dead in his room this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Prof. Mercalli was professor of vulcanology and seismology in the University of Naples. He was consulted frequently as an authority on volcanic disturbances by scientists from other parts of the world. In 1913 he was decorated by the King of Italy for his bravery in descending into the Vesuvius crater. Prof. Mercalli, his assistant, and a photographer accompanied him in the descent and remarkable photographs were taken. On this occasion the party remained inside the crater for more than four hours.

FRENCH SENATE MAY LIMIT POWERS OF COMMITTEE PROBING CAILLAUX CHARGES

M. Monis, Minister of Marine, Second to Resign as Result of Assassination of Editor of the "Figaro"



MME. CAILLAUX ON HER FAVORITE HORSE AT HER COUNTRY HOME.

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PARIS, March 19.—The day's chief interest in the developments following the murder of Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, by Mme. Caillaux has been in the question of how far the Senate will follow the Chamber of Deputies in giving the commission which is to investigate the Henri Rochette affair full judicial powers.

The commission was appointed as the result of the report made by Public Prosecutor Victor Fabre, which was read in the Chamber of Deputies by ex-Premier Barthou, to the effect that he had postponed the trial of Rochette, a notorious promoter of fraudulent companies, at the request of M. Monis, who was Premier at the time and who said he wished to have it done because M. Caillaux, who was a member of the Cabinet, desired it. Monis resigned from the Cabinet to-day as a result of the charges.

The idea that Jean Juarez, the Socialist leader, who is president of the commission, should be invested with powers similar to those of an investigating Judge and thus be able to order the arrest of any one he wishes has aroused much opposition. The Senate has elected a committee to draw up proposals for its consideration. M. Ribot is the most important member of this committee, which is likely to recommend that limited powers be granted to the Rochette investigating commission. It will probably be empowered to punish witnesses who refuse to testify, but will not get the full judicial powers which were granted to it by the Chamber by a unanimous vote.

Ernest Monis, who held the portfolio of the navy in the present Cabinet, added his resignation to that of M. Caillaux, the Minister of Finance. For the present Albert P. Lebrun, Minister of the Colonies, will act also as Minister of Marine.

The Canadian Northern, which financial and railway experts say will be one of the most complex, interesting and largest financial operations ever undertaken in Canada.

This is expected to be followed by a stock issue and the placing upon the stock exchanges of New York and London of Canadian Northern stock, which is now owned by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann and has never been listed or dealt in upon any stock exchange.

The Prince and his wife have been separated for some time. The Princess, who is the daughter of Grand Duke Paul, is said to have found the Swedish capital too slow, so she returned to St. Petersburg after a trip to Paris, while her husband went to Africa hunting.

The couple have one child, Prince Leopold, who was born in 1909. They were married at St. Petersburg in 1908.

The pontiff received many messages from all parts of the world, including hundreds from the United States, and insisted upon replying to some of them himself. He was in excellent spirits.

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PERRIN H. SUMNER DIES IN THE SUBWAY

Man of Same Name and Description Was "Great Identifier."

HAD A PRISON RECORD

Similar Person Spent Six Years in Sing Sing for Insurance Fraud.

A man believed to be Perrin H. Sumner, famous years ago as "the great American identifier," died last night on a bench in the Grand Central subway station, whither he had been carried from an express train bound for Brooklyn.

He fainted in the train just before it reached the Grand Central Station. Passengers who saw that his condition was serious bore him to the platform when the train stopped. He was dead when Dr. Wright arrived from Flower Hospital.

In his pocketbook was a card reading: "My name is Perrin H. Sumner of 303 Broadway, suite 702. In case of illness notify my daughter, Miss Fannie A. Crass, 109 Fifteenth street, S. E., Washington, D. C.; also Joseph McWilliam, 205 Broadway."

Had Checks for \$2,400.

There were also three checks on Washington banks, made out by G. E. Brown to Perrin H. Sumner. They were for \$2,500, \$125 and \$15. In an envelope were five real estate deeds, a loose diamond of one-half a carat and a railroad ticket to Baldwin, L. I.

Coroner Healy had the body taken to the Morgue.

According to the police description the dead man was 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighed about 180 pounds and seemed to be about 60 years old. He wore a dark suit and overcoat and a soft felt hat, all good. He carried a cane. His hair, mustache and goatee were nearly white.

According to the city directory Perrin H. Sumner, a real estate agent, at 303 Broadway, lived at 160 East 18th street, The Bronx. A woman at that address said last night that Mr. Sumner moved away several months ago. She knew nothing about him except that he was a real estate man.

Served in Sing Sing.

Perrin Horton Sumner spent at least six years of his life in Sing Sing, while the number of times he was arrested for swindling was almost legion. He was an austere, ministerial looking person who worked in devious ways. A great many times the authorities could not discover how he could possibly benefit by his "identifications."

He appeared in the vicinity of New York in 1909, when he identified the body of a man who committed suicide at a hotel in Yonkers as James H. Edgar, a wealthy English chemist. He received much publicity, but there was no Edgar, a chemist. It was learned that Sumner held a life insurance policy on James H. Edgar and he wanted to find a dead man to it. He found the body of Arthur Benveniste, who was murdered in Canada, and said it was Edgar's. An Astor House suicide, a sudden death in Staten Island and a Long Island death all gave him opportunity to try and land the Edgar identification until he became known to all the police.

Charles H. Goodwin of Haverhill, Mass., charged Sumner with swindling him out of \$1,200 in 1907, and the "identifier" retired for six years to Sing Sing. He reappeared in 1907 as the heir of Mrs. Augusta Sommerkorn, a woman who died in The Bronx. She was seventy-five years old, and Sumner married her on her deathbed. He failed to get hold of her property.

He had been in very straitened circumstances since then. He has been too well known to operate in this country. No one knows what he has been doing for several years. It is not known whether he has any family or friends.

"DEVONSHIRE LIBRARY NO LOSS."

London "Times" Thinks No British Outcry Is Necessary.

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LONDON, March 20.—The Times regards the sale of a portion of the Duke of Devonshire's Chatsworth library with equanimity. It says it would be unreasonable to raise an outcry on the part of the people, most of whom had never handled a Caxton.

The books, the Times says, will be just as well cared for by an American as by a British owner. They have never been in any sense national property, and their sale therefore cannot concern anybody but the principals to the transaction. The Times continues:

"Caxton's books have not works of art value nor any value as that of great which may be compared to that of great pictures. When a Rembrandt perishes by fire the world is spiritually poorer, but by the destruction of a library of Caxton the world loses little beyond a rarity. When a number of Caxtons are merely transported from one side of the globe to the other nobody loses anything."

NEW DECORATION FOR FRANCE.

Proposal to Create the "Military Order of Valor."

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PARIS, March 19.—The Chamber of Deputies in its anxiety to allay the public furor over the killing of Gaston Calmette and at the same time flatter the Gallic mentality has submitted a bill to create a new decoration, which is to be styled the "Military Order of Valor."

Napoleon I. created the Legion of Honor for that purpose, but the Chamber of Deputies thinks that decoration is now being granted for political value.

TITO-MATTEI CRITICALLY ILL.

Finlist Is Suffering From Congestion of the Brain.

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LONDON, March 19.—Tito Mattei, the pianist, composer and conductor, is critically ill here of congestion of the brain. He was born near Naples, May 24, 1841. He came to London and settled here in 1863.

He gave his first concert when he was a little over 5 years of age, and was named a professor of the Santa Cecilia Academy in Rome when he was 11. He has published hundreds of songs and piano-forte pieces and also several operas.

Thirty Admit Carrying Pistols.

Thirty pistol carriers pleaded guilty to violations under the Sullivan law before Judge Rosinsky in General Sessions yesterday and were remanded for sentence March 30.

Friday & Saturday only Saks Spring Topcoats for men—silk lined

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East Houston St. cor. Essex St.

Courtland Ave. cor. 148th Street

Graham Avenue cor. Debevoise St.

Pittkin Avenue cor. Rockaway Ave.

PERCENT CHARGED UPON LOANS REPAYED WITHIN TWO WEEKS FROM DATE

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